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Re: Documents from
Federal Facilities
Commission Files-
National Archives.

Dear Mark:

Enclosed please find a copied set of documents recently retrieved from the National Archives. As the title suggests, these documents relate to the files Desmond Decker (Acumenics Paralegal) was able to copy from the records of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. In particular, the pages enclosed reference the events and players surrounding Shell's 1955 purchase of placors 963, 929 and 611. The files we had copied were first microfilmed and then blown back. After copying, I reviewed each page to ensure document continuity. Where necessary, I reordered or matched up a page or pages to the logical mate(s). That is why some of the bates numbers are not sequential.

In an effort to speed-up the Shell document indexing project, Jim Ruben has coordinated with Dow Chemical Co.'s attorneys on getting this task underway. I will be one of two people indexing the documents. The other person is Rebecca Cooper, a paralegal at Harden & Cook, Oakland CA. Her phone number is (510) 444-3131 and address is 1999 Harrison St. 18th floor, Oakland, CA 94612. My main point is that you, I and her will coordinate our efforts in indexing and inspecting the Shell documents. For instance, if she finds a page missing, she will contact both myself and you. The same coordinating procedure will hold for each of us if we find an error, omission, etc. I will send her (you will get a copy) a letter detailing what needs to be done. She will have your phone number and address. The idea is to have, at completion, as accurate an index as possible while it is being produced simultaneously in two locations. Just to maintain some sanity over the process, I will be responsible for the final product. Any help or expertise you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Do you recall Jim asking us to provide him with a blowup of the microfiche diagrams we obtained from Shell? I vaguely recall the matter and believe you were coordinating it with Tony Dorsa. Jim has asked for blowups of the placor site locations for one of the engineers to review. The only reference I have to these pages, which as I recall were on microfiche and came from boxes 247 and



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248, is a notation on my Inspection Summary of the Shell Oil Co.'s Box Summary, page 26. I believe Tony still owes us copies of these pages and this may need to be arranged between Jim Rubin and Shell's attorney, Randall J. Heldt.

Also, please note that our address has changed so do not use our previous mailing address of 624 9th St. NW, Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20001. Our new address is:

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Sincerely,

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